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## The Dry Creek Fire grows with windy conditions

Fairbanks, Alaska — The Bureau of Land Management Alaska Fire Service reports that winds are causing growth of the Dry Creek Fire to the North and East. The fire is around 14,000 acres at this time and is close to the Tanana River.

The BLM-Alaska Fire Service is currently monitoring the fire from the ground with resources in the field and air. Firefighters are patrolling the section of the Tanana River that may be impacted by the fire. They also are coordinating with DOF engines patrolling that same section of river.

Continued fire growth is expected until rainy weather conditions develop. Smoke has been reported in Fairbanks, North Pole and the Tanana River valley.

The fire, located 18 miles south of North Pole, 13 miles south of Eielson AFB and 25 miles south of Fairbanks was caused by lightning on Jun 23.

For more information about wildland fires, contact the Alaska Fire Service Public Affairs Office at 907-356-5511, or visit the Alaska Interagency Coordination Center website at <a href="http://fire.ak.blm.gov/aicc.php">http://fire.ak.blm.gov/aicc.php</a>.

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